



Application for a licence amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L8980/2016/1
Licence holder	Yeeda Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
ACN	094 819 717
File number	DER216/001234-1
Premises	Yeeda Station Liquid Waste Facility Being portion of Lot 268 on Plan 220707 Colourstone Road WILLARE WA 6728 As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1
Date of report	01 July 2024
Decision	Licence amendment granted

Amendment description

This amendment is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) to amend the existing licence issued under the EP Act for a prescribed premises as set out below. This notice of amendment is hereby given under section 59B(9) of the EP Act.

This amendment is limited to the construction of a burial pit and the once off disposal of desiccated carcass waste.

In completing the assessment documented in this report, the department has considered and given due regard to its regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

Purpose and scope of assessment

Licence L8980/2016/1 is held by Yeeda Pastoral Company (licence holder) for the Yeeda Station Liquid Waste Facility (the premises) located at Lot 268 on Plan 220707, Colourstone Road, Willare WA. On 27 June 2024 the Administrators Appointed for the licence holder submitted a licence amendment application seeking approval to allow for the once-off on-site burial of solid waste and a change the premises boundary to incorporate the location of the proposed burial pit.

The licence holder proposes to excavate a trench 100 metres long, 3 metres wide to a depth of 1.5 metres (450m³) and waste material up to 1,465 tonnes is deposited within, with excavated material used to cover the solid material and native vegetation planted over the burial pit.

In that area, a trench with a maximum depth of `2 metres would not be expected to impact ground water.

Background

The licence holder has placed its company into voluntary administration, and that the company is in the process of being sold and in the interim, their respective operations are in 'care and maintenance'.

Carcass waste from Colourstone abattoir was found to have been unlawfully dumped at Yeeda Station. The department is currently investigating the alleged unlawful disposal of abattoir waste at the premises and this approval is in no way condoning any potential offence.

Decision

The delegated officer has determined the proposal to excavate a burial pit in the vicinity to where the waste was dumped, to safely bury the waste be approved with conditions commensurate with the risk the dried carcass material presents.

The once-off burial of the dried carcass material and the change the premises boundary to include the burial pit is unlikely to result in material change to the overall risk profile of the site.

Licence holder comments on draft decision

The licence holder was provided with a draft of the revised licence and amendment report on 01 July 2024 and responded on the same day requesting that the burial timeframe be extended to '96 hours of waste being deposited ...' and waived the remaining consultation period.

Based on this assessment, it has been determined to amend the licence, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting

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requirements.

Summary of amendments

The below table provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised works approval as part of the amendment process.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 18 and 19	Works condition for installation of burial pit
Schedule 1 Maps Premises map	Updated to include extended premises boundary and location of burial pit.
Schedule 1 Premise boundary	Updated to include burial pit location

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MANAGER, PROCESS INDUSTRIES

An officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the EP Act

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2017, *Guidance Statement: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2019, *Guideline: Decision Making*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. Yeeda Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, 2024, Application for a licence amendment and supporting documents, Perth, Western Australia.